

Story Corner

Former Congressman "Private John" Allen enjoys telling of a unique character near his home, known as "Jasp" White.

"Jasp" had lived in single blessedness a good many years, but finally in the evening of his life he married, and in due time an heir was born to him. The day after this momentous event Mr. Allen met "Jasp" in the street.

"I understand, 'Jasp,'" said the congressman, "that you've a fine baby boy up at your place. Have you decided on his name?"

"Yes, suh," chuckled "Jasp"; "we's already decided on his name?"

"What's it to be?"

"Jasp" traced one toe reflectively in a semi-circle before him. "You know, suh," he said finally, "I's allus been a pow'ful han' fer dem Scripture folks, an' so I's decided t' name de kid after some o' dem officers what de Bible talks 'bout. I's settled on de name Beelzebub."

"Beelzebub!"

"Yes, suh, dat's de name!" announced "Jasp" in a tone betokening finality. "Beelzebub's a mighty fine name, suh. It shore looks like I's aspirin' pow'ful high, but I figgers dat boy'll shorely do credit to his namesake!"

One day while waiting at a little railway station in Virginia, Chief Justice Waite learned that it was the birthplace of Patrick Henry. For a few moments the Chief Justice walked up and down the platform, looking at the rugged mountains and the clear blue sky. Then he exclaimed: "What mountains! What air! I do not wonder Patrick Henry grew here!" "Well, sah," said a negro, "I don't know as that had anything to do with it. The mountains hab always been here. The air hab always been the same. But I'll tell you, Boss, we's nebbber had any more Patrick Henry's here."

"What did you name your baby?" "Well, at first she was a good as gold,—never whimpered, hair all worn off the jack of her head with lying on it,—and we called her Serena." "Well?" "Well since she began crying all night with teething, we changed her name to Tuscara." "Tuscara?"

Photographer: "Now, sir, if you'll look a little less as though you had a bill to meet, and a little more as though you'd just been left a legacy, you'll be a picture."

Mother (looking over her boy's shoulder): "Your spelling is perfectly terrible." Little Son: "This isn't a spellin' lesson. It's a composition."

He: "Prof. Skihigh is going to lecture on sun spots to-morrow." "Well, if I thought he could tell of a real, sure-enough cure for them, I'd go to hear him. I freckle so easily."

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